

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN LOCAL BOARD
FOR THE JUDICIARY**

A Public Meeting of the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board for the Judiciary was convened Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 109, Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members Present in Conference Room 109: N/A

Board Member Present by Conference/Video Call: Kevin Kluge, Chair; Jason Hathcock; Jennifer Fish; Scott Mabery

Board Member Absent: Mark Smalley

Also Present in Conference Room 109: Vanessa Haney, Local Board Secretary (video call); Alicia Bocardo, Recorder (video call); Cynthia Kelley, Board Attorney (video call); Liana Garcia, AOC Director of Government Affairs (video call)

Call to Order:

Approval of the Minutes:

April 6, 2021 – Public Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion to approve the public minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting was made by Scott Mabery. The motion was seconded and passed; minutes stand approved. **CORP 2021-18**

Legislative Report

AOC Director of Government Affairs, Liana Garcia, attended the Board meeting to report on legislation relevant to PSPRS/CORP.

Ms. Garcia informed the Board that her legislative staff will create a summary of CORP legislation for the Board's review.

Attorney Advice

Board Attorney Cynthia Kelley provided a memo on precedents set in other jurisdictions on line-of-duty deaths related to COVID-19 and how the Safeguarding America's First Responders Act of 2020 is driving it.

2021 CORP Election

Board member Mark Smalley's term will expire on June 30, 2021. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-893, the Board will conduct an election to fill that position effective July 1, 2021.

Board Chair, Kevin Kluge's term will also expire on June 30, 2021. Mr. Kluge's reappointment or a new appointment for that position will be made by May 31, 2021.

The Local Board Secretary informed the Board that the election ballots were mailed and that the process is continuing as scheduled.

Approval of Normal Retirement Benefits:

There were six applications for Normal Retirement benefits submitted for the Board's approval pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-893 (D).

Elissa Collier	\$2,889.01
Leslie Ebratt	\$5,0983.10; Reverse DROP Estimate: \$251,363.99
Michael Hankins	\$2, 171.36
Robert Johnson	\$4,801.18
Bryon Matsuda	\$4,968.44
Patrick Swafford	\$2,948.44

MOTION: A motion to approve the payment of Normal Retirement benefit to the following applicants in about the following amount effective May 1, 2021 was made by Jennifer Fish. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2021-19**

Approval of Survivor Benefit I:

An application for a survivor benefit was submitted for the Board's approval pursuant to A.R.S. §38-887.

Donald Thompson (Retired Member - deceased March 11, 2021)
Benefit Payable to Spouse Vivian Thompson beginning April 30, 2021: \$3,012.35

MOTION: A motion to approve the payment of a survivor benefit to the following applicant in about the following amount was made by Jason Hathcock. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2021-20**

Donald Thompson (Retired Member - deceased March 11, 2021)
Benefit Payable to Spouse Vivian Thompson beginning April 30, 2021: \$3,012.35

Approval of Survivor Benefit II:

An application for a survivor benefit was submitted for the Board's approval pursuant to A.R.S. §38-887.

Thomas Hernandez (Retired Member - deceased March 28, 2021)
Benefit Payable to Spouse Mary Hernandez beginning April 30, 2021: \$896.66

MOTION: A motion to approve the payment of a survivor benefit to the following applicant in about the following amount was made by Scott Mabery. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2021-21**

Thomas Hernandez (Retired Member - deceased March 28, 2021)
Benefit Payable to Spouse Mary Hernandez beginning April 30, 2021: \$896.66

Approval of Membership:

The Local Board voted on the approval of the following requests for membership:

Carson, Corsica	Maricopa	3/28/2021
Guzman, Brittni	Mohave	3/21/2021
Nasca, Nicholas	Pima	12/27/2020
Renteria, Jocelyn	Maricopa	1/17/2021
Riley, Cassandra	Maricopa	3/21/2021
Tuita, Leini	Pinal	4/11/2021

MOTION: A motion to approve the six applicants listed on the agenda for this meeting for membership in CORP pursuant to A.R.S. §38-893.D and to note for the record that the physical examination for Nicholas Nasca identified a physical or mental condition or injury that existed or occurred before their date of membership in the plan, was made by Jennifer Fish. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2021-22

Decision on Notice of Retiree Return to Work

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from Pinal County for David Johnson. The form indicated that Mr. Johnson retired from the Pinal County Judicial Branch effective April 19, 2021. Mr. Johnson returned to work for the Pinal County Superior Court on March 31, 2021 as a court security officer, which is a Non-CORP designated position.

A copy of A.R.S. §38-884.N-O. was provided to the Board as well as a copy of Mr. Johnson's current job description.

MOTION: A motion was made by that: (1) David Johnson is eligible to continue to receive a CORP pension; (2) Pinal County is not responsible for paying an alternate contribution rate on her behalf was made by Jason Hathcock. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2021-23

Future Agenda Items:

The Local Board Secretary advised the Board that upcoming agenda items will contain normal retirement applications and election updates.

Call to the Public:

No members of the public addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Transcribed May 6, 2021.

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